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Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee Named

The Bureau of Land Management has established an Advisory Committee for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in accordance with a directive from the Secretary of the Interior dated June 28, 2000. Members were selected based on their knowledge and special expertise in the category of interest they were nominated for, and will serve for four years. The 11 Committee members and the category of interest they represent are as follows:

Category 1, Montezuma County Commission Representative - Glenn (Kelly) Wilson

Category 2, Dolores County Commission Representative - Duane Gerren

Category 3, Two Tribal/Pueblo Representatives - Tito Naranjo and Selwyn Whiteskunk

Category 4, Two Cultural Resources Representatives (one representing regional interests and one whom resides in and represents the local area) - William Lipe and Mark Varien

Category 5, Livestock Grazing Permittee in the Monument Representative - Chris Majors

Category 6, Fluid Minerals Development Representative - Robert Clayton; and

Category 7, Three people representing any of the following: private landowners in or adjacent to the Monument, recognized national or regional environmental or resource conservation organizations, off-road vehicle use, commercial recreation, and/or representing statewide perspectives with no financial interest in the Monument - Elizabeth Tozer, Chuck McAfee, and Howard Poe.

The Committee will advise the Secretary and BLM on development and implementation of a resource management plan for the Monument. The Committee will, among other tasks:

- gather and analyze information
- conduct studies and field examinations
- hear public testimony
- advise BLM in establishing Monument management priorities, goals and objectives
- develop recommendations for ecosystem approaches to management in the Monument; and
- advise BLM on local collaborative approaches to Monument management.

Once a date and location for the initial Committee meeting is determined, the public will be notified through the Federal Register and media. For more information contact Steve Kandell, Monument Planner, Anasazi Heritage Center, 970 882-4811.

Information about the Monument is also available on the Web at: www.co.blm.gov/canm/index.html.